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## **Inver Grove Heights woman pleads guilty to filing false tax return**

A 55-year-old Inver Grove Heights woman pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court to one count of filing a false tax return.

Linda Mae Myers entered her plea before United States District Court Judge David Doty May 12 in Minneapolis. Myers was charged with the single count on April 18.

According to her plea agreement, Myers willfully made a falsified 2004 federal income tax return on Oct. 11, 2005, reporting a negative \$6,888 in business income when she knew her actual business income from her business, Myers Trucking, was in excess of \$100,000. Myers Trucking is located in South St. Paul.

Myers faces a potential maximum penalty of five years in prison. Judge Doty will determine her sentence at a future date.

Myers Trucking is connected with a money laundering investigation that resulted in the plea of a 44-year-old Stillwater man on April 17. Kevin William Ritzer entered his plea before Judge Doty admitting to concealing the proceeds of a sports booking operation.

Ritzer, who was charged March 19 with one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, unlawfully, knowingly and willfully conspired with others to conduct and attempt to conduct financial transactions affecting interstate and foreign commerce involving the proceeds of illegal gambling from October 2000 to September 2006. Ritzer was laundering payroll checks from Myers Trucking.

Ritzer also admitted that he knew that the financial transactions were designed to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership and the control of the gambling proceeds.

Ritzer faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Judge Doty will determine

his sentence at a future date.

Both cases were the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division, and were prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicole A. Engisch.